



In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Attorney Docket: 39021-172671

AMENDMENT

October 9, 2001

CUSTOMER NO. 26694



Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the grain has a cylindrical structure with a diameter to length ratio of between 0.5 and 2.0, an outside diameter between 0.5 and 10 mm and, in particular, contains at least one hole, preferably several holes, with a hole diameter between 0.03 and 0.7 mm.

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